elements inside the patients body to aid surgeons in, for example, pinhole surgery and minimally invasive operations. Images of various regions in the patient's body may be selected by moving the display to that region.

Example 4

Flexible Human Display

[0086] Alternatively, images of vital statistics, x-rays, ct-scans, MRIs, video images and the likes may be projected directly onto a patient to aid or otherwise guide surgery. Here, the human skin itself functions as a display through projection onto said skin, and through tracking the movement and shape of said skin by the apparatus of invention. Such images may contain user interface elements that can be interacted with by a user through techniques of this invention, and those known in the art. For example, tapping a body element may bring up a picture of the most recent x-ray of that element for display, or may be used as a form of input to a computer system.

Example 5

Origami Flexible Display

[0087] In this embodiment, several pieces of flexible display are affixed to one another through a cloth, polymer, metal, plastic or other form of flexible hinge such that the shape of the overall display can be folded in a variety of three dimensional shapes, such as those found in origami paper folding. Folding action may lead to changes on the display or trigger computer functionality. Geometric shapes of the overall display may trigger behaviors or computer functionality.

Example 6

Flexible Input Device

[0088] In this embodiment, the flexible surface with markers is used as input to a computer system that displays on a standard display that is not said flexible surface, allowing use of said flexible surface and the gestures in this invention as an input device to a computing system.

[0089] The contents of all cited patents, patent applications, and publications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. While the invention has been described with respect to illustrative embodiments thereof, it will be understood that various changes may be made in the embodiments without departing from the scope of the invention. Accordingly, the described embodiments are to be considered merely exemplary and the invention is not to be limited thereby.

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